

Remarks /Arguments

Claims 24-44 and 83-95 have been allowed. The final due date for payment of the Issue Fee is November 14, 2005. The present Amendment After Allowance is being submitted concurrent with payment of the issue fee, in order to correct reference to related applications.

In the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner stated that the subject application is not co-dependent on 08/718,945 and was not filed within one year, such that it cannot claim the benefit of 08/718,945. The Examiner also stated that the subject application cannot claim benefit of 60/049,717, because the subject application was not filed within 12 months from the filing date of the provisional application. The applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner.

The applicant has attached a copy of the original Utility Patent Application Transmittal for the subject application on August 9, 1999 (Attorney Doc. No. NEUL-129DV1). As seen at page 1 of the attached Transmittal, this application is stated to be a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/097,374 (Attorney Doc. No. NEUL-129) filed June 15, 1998. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/097,374 (Attorney Doc. No. NEUL-129) is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/718,945 (Attorney Doc. No. NEUL-110) filed September 24, 1996. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/097,374 (Attorney Doc. No. NEUL-129) also claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/049,717 (Attorney Doc. No. NEUL-129PR) filed June 16, 1997. Therefore, the applicant respectfully submits that subject application (Attorney Doc. No. NEUL-129DV1) has properly claimed benefit of 09/097,374 (Attorney Doc. No. NEUL-129), and also the benefit of 60/049,717 (Attorney Doc. No. NEUL-129PR), and 08/718,945 (Attorney Doc. No. NEUL-110) through claiming benefit of 09/097,374 (Attorney Doc. No. NEUL-129) under 35 U.S.C. 119 and 121.

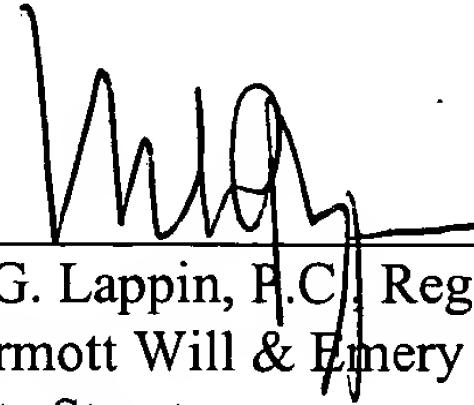
If there are any questions regarding this amendment and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-1133.

Respectfully submitted,

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